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Enclosed are:

- [x] 12 sheets of specification.
- [x] 1 sheet of Abstract.
- [x] 9 sheets of claims.
- [x] 6 sheets of formal drawings (FIGS. 1 - 11)
- [x] An Assignment of an invention to Fasteners For Retail, Inc., along with the assignment cover sheet is enclosed.
- [x] A Declaration and Power of Attorney.
- [] A Preliminary Amendment
- [x] Information Disclosure Statement and PTO-1449.
- [x] Applicant claims small entity status.
- [] A certified copy of _____ Patent Application No. _____ filed on _____ will be forwarded.

Claims as Filed				
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Dear Sir:

The undersigned affirms:

That he is an officer of the assignee, Fasteners For Retail, Inc., and is empowered to act on behalf of the assignee;

That the above listed assignee qualifies as a small business concern as defined in § 1.9(d), in that the above listed assignee, together with all of its affiliates combined had fewer than five hundred (500) employees including full-time, part-time, and temporary employees on the average during each pay period of the previous fiscal year of the assignee and its affiliates; and,

That the exclusive rights to the invention have been conveyed to and remain with the small business concern or, if the rights are not exclusive, that all other rights belong to small entities as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and that the assignee has not assigned, granted, conveyed, or licensed, and is under no obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey, or license any rights in the invention to any person who could not be classified as an independent inventor under 37 C.F.R. 1.9(c) if that person had made the invention, or to any concern which would not qualify as a small business under 37 C.F.R. 1.9(d) or a nonprofit organization under 37 C.F.R. 1.9(e).

The undersigned acknowledges a duty to file, in this application or patents issuing thereon, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time or paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate.

The undersigned further declares that all statements made herein of his own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful and false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

FASTENERS FOR RETAIL, INC.

By 

Title VP, Product Development

Date: 1/27/04